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ETIWANDA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

...representing the teachers of the Etiwanda Elementary School District



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY ETIWANDA TEACHERS!!



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The theme is green for a very special 2012 Read Across America celebration. NEA's Read Across America campaign will showcase the Lorax book as well as NBC/Universal's The Lorax (featuring the voices of

Taylor Swift, Zach Effron, Danny Devito and Betty White). The film opens nationwide March 2, 2012 and Universal, Dr. Seuss Enterprises, and Random House have joined NEA's Read Across America, creating new posters and classroom guides for the campaign. Read Across America will also develop new event ideas and materials to help you make this a Seussation-al celebration.

www.cta.org and www.nea.org for more information and free resources.

NEA EXPO 2012
WASHINGTON, DC
JUNE 30-JULY 2, 2012



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2012 NEA RA CONVENTION

This year, the 2012 NEA RA Convention will take place

June 30th— July 2, 2012

In Washington, DC.

The Elections Committee will send out additional information if you are interested in attending as a "Local Delegate" represent ETA.

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Contract Quickie

Article XIX Unit member Travel

- A. *Unit members that are required to use their personal automobiles in the performance of their duties, and unit members who are assigned to work at more than one work site per day shall be reimbursed for such travel at the per mile rate approved by the Internal Revenue Service.*
- B. *Unit members shall not transport students in personal vehicles without the advance permission of the immediate supervisor. Unit members who operate their personal vehicles on District business shall maintain minimum insurance coverage as required by state law.*



This is an excerpt from the current contract. Exact language may be obtained by reviewing the contract. Contract can be viewed on the Etiwanda School District and Etiwanda Teachers websites.

President's Message

Dear Etiwanda Teachers,

Lately, my email -box has been filling up with lots of questions about negotiations. Many of you have lots of questions but the most frequently asked question is... Is the union and ESD negotiating right now? The answer is no, we are not currently negotiating. However, per the contract, we have the right to negotiate the salary schedule and one other article of the contract. This is why the Bargaining Team is conducting a survey of Etiwanda Teachers to determine your priorities. A general meeting will be held to present the results of the survey, answer your questions and discuss the Bargaining Teams recommendations. The Bargaining Team for 2011-12 are Alecia Morrison (Elementary) Teacher, Janice Elliott (Elementary Teacher), Jeannie Murrillo (Elementary Teacher), Michele Jacks (Team Lead/Homeschool Teacher) and Carl Strub (Middle School).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me. I would be more than happy to answer your questions or find out the answer for you if I don't know.

Have a great week!

Sonya Scott

P.S. Please visit www.ebudget.ca.gov to learn more about Governor Brown's budget.





Message from our Treasurer

Happy February ETA members,

The financial status of ETA is looking great! Taxes and 1099's for the last year have been wrapped up and sent out. Currently the budget for next year is being prepared for presentation at an upcoming Representative Council meeting. Thank you all for your support in making ETA finances a priority, thus giving us the ability to be in good standing, the ability to send many of our members to conferences this year, as well as many other opportunities to serve our Etiwanda Family of Teachers. It is your support that makes us strong!

Have a super Leap Day!

Christine Sabala

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A Message from our Secretary

I have been working hard to keep our ETA membership updated. Memberships cards can be used for many discounts. If you have not received your membership card feel free to send me an email and I will get it to you.

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In a flood of lawsuits, students are challenging punishment for ridiculing teachers and principals in cyberspace.

By Michael D. Simpson, NEA Office of General Counsel

Courts are now grappling with the question whether students have the First Amendment right to use social media to vilify, parody, or defame school employees. Does the power of school officials to punish students extend to Internet postings? To date, the courts have given conflicting answers.

To read the rest of the article go to the link at the bottom. In the age of You Tube, Facebook, My Space, and any other Social Media, we are seeing challenges to our profession in increasing numbers.

<http://www.nea.org/home/40920.htm>